GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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INTERNATIONAL CRICKET COUNCIL
Jagannath Dr. M.

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the International Cricket Council has put a condition that they will not host the 2006 Cricket Champions Trophy in India unless they are given tax exemption;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the existing provisions favour the compliance for such demand;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to resolve the issue?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL DUTT)

(a) Yes, Sir. As informed by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), the International Cricket Council (ICC) has put a condition that it will not host the Champions Trophy 2006 in India unless they are given tax exemption.

(b) The BCCI has informed that all those countries where ICC hosts Champions Trophy/World Cup had granted total tax exemption to ICC on its earnings through sponsorships and television rights as a major share of the money earned from these events is spent on development of Cricket in 92 ICC member countries throughout the World.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) The President, International Cricket Council has been informed by the Ministry of Finance that the most appropriate course will be to move an application before the Authority for Advance Ruling, which has exclusive jurisdiction to decide in advance whether incomes arising out of transactions entered into by non- residents are taxable or not.